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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 21-30 June 1995.

21 June 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. At 2200 hours on 20 June 1995, 10 heat flares were dropped by United States aircraft in the Qurnah area.

22 June 1995

1. Northern region: 25 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah and Zakho.

2. Southern region: 89 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Qurnah, Chabaish and Salman.

23 June 1995

1. Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Aqrah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 71 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Chabaish, Salman and Busayyah.

3. At 2048 hours on 23 June 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 2143 hours.

24 June 1995

Southern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah and Shanafiyah.

25 June 1995

1. Northern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Mosul and Irbil.

2. Southern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Jalibah, Qurnah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah and Busayyah.

3. At 0855 hours on 25 June 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1022 hours.

26 June 1995

1. Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Amarah, Chabaish and Qurnah.

3. On 26 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0855 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1210 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1215 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1335 hours.

27 June 1995

1. Northern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

28 June 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Irbil, Mosul and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 79 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Qurnah, Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah and Chabaish.

3. On 28 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0732 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0900 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1130 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1208 hours.

29 June 1995

1. Southern region: 79 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Salman and Artawi.

2. At 0550 hours on 29 June 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 0650 hours.

30 June 1995

1. Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 47 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. At 0535 hours on 30 June 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 0700 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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